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1. SUGGESTED REMARKS AT PRESENTATION CREDENTIALS TO PRESIDENT

TOURE AS FOLLOWS:

2. QUOTE: IT IS A HIGH HONOR FOR ME TO STAND HERE TODAY TO
PRESENT YOU WITH THE LETTERS OF CREDENCE BY WHICH PRESIDENT FORD,
IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND
OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, HAS NAMED ME AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND
PLENIPOTENIARY TO THE REPUBLIC OF GUINEA. IT IS ALSO MY DUTY TO
PRESENT TO YOU THE LETTER OF RECALL OF MY DISTINGUISHED PRE-
DECESSOR AMBASSADOR TERENCE A. TODMAN, CURRENTLY ASSIGNED AS
AMBASSADOR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN SAN JOSE, COSTA
RICA.

3. MR. PRESIDENT, I HAVE WANTED TO MEET YOU FOR SOME TIME NOW.
FOR OVER TWNETY YEARS YOUR NAME HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED WITH THE
MOVEMENT FOR AFRICAN INDEPENDENCE. LATELY IT HAS BECOME
IDENTIFIED WITH YOUR ATTEMPT TO INTRODUCE A NEW FORM OF AFRICAN
SOCIALISM TO GUINEA. I AM IMPATIENT TO SEE THE RESULTS OF YOUR
LEADERSHIP AND TO REPORT TO THOSE WHO SENT ME HERE ON THESE
RESULTS. I AM QUITE CONVINCED THAT MY FELLOW COUNTRYMEN CAN LEARN
MUCH FROM THE GUINEAN EXPERIENCE.

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4. MR. PRESIDENT, SHORTLY AFTER YOUR COUNTRY GAINED ITS INDEPENDENCE, MY COUNTRY BEGAN A PROGRAM OF COOPERATION WITH YOURS. THIS PROGRAM OF COOPERATION HAS CONTINUED, TO A GREATER OR LESSER DEGREE, EVER SINCE. THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, WITHIN THEIR MEANS, HAVE ALWAYS ATTEMPTED TO RESPOND TO YOUR REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE. THE RECENT AGREEMENT SIGNED ON MAY 8 TO FURNISH FOOD SUPPLIES UNDER THE PL480 PROGRAM IS ONLY THE LATEST EXAMPLE. OUR COUNTRIES ARE NOW DISCUSSING OTHER FORMS OF ASSISTANCE AND COOPERATION, PARTLY TO HELP GUINEA TO OVERCOME THE EFFECTS OF THE DROUGHT, AND PARTLY TO AID IN INCREASING GUINEA'S AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION.

5. MR. PRESIDENT, I HAVE NOTED WITH PLEASURE THE PRIMARY EMPHASIS THAT YOU, YOUR GOVERNMENT, AND THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF GUINEA PLACE ON AGRICULTURE. AGRICULTURAL EXPERTS FROM MY COUNTRY WHO HAVE VISTED GUINEA IN RECENT MONTHS HAVE BEEN IMPRESSED BY THE GREAT POTENTIAL OF YOUR COUNTRY AND BY YOUR DETERMINATION TO DEVELOP THIS POTENTIAL. WITH SERIOUS AND DANGEROUS FOOD SHORTAGES NOW EXISTING IN THE WORLD, THE UNITED STATES FULLY SUPPORTS YOUR EFFORTS, SINCE GUINEA CAN DEVELOP INTO A MAJOR FOOD SUPPLIER FOR LESSER ENDOWED REGIONS OF AFRICA AND CAN THEREFORE HELP US TO SUPPLY FOOD TO PEOPLE IN NEED.

6. MR. PRESIDENT, COOPERATION BETWEEN GUINEA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA EXTENDS AS WELL TO THE SECTOR OF AMERICAN PRIVATE DASINESS. GUINEA POSSESSES VERY RICH NATURAL RESOURCES; AMERICAN INDUSTRY POSSESSES THE TECHNOLOGY AND THE CAPITAL TO HELP YOUR COUNTRY TO DEVELOP THESE RESOURCES. THIS DEVELOPMENT RESULTS FROM COOPERATION IN ITS TRUEST SENSE; SINCE IT IS FOR THE COMMON BENEFIT OF BOTH PARTIES. I THINK YOU HAVE FOUND AMERICAN INDUSTRY TO BE A GOOD AND VALUABLE PARTNER. WITH GOODWILL AND A SPIRIT OF FRANKNESS ON BOTH SIDES, THIS COOPERATION CAN CONTINUE AND DEVELOP FURTHER. I WILL DO EVERYTHING IN MY POWER TO SEE THAT IT DOES.

7. MR. PRESIDENT, OUR TWO COUNTRIES ARE EVOLVING WITH DIFFERENT SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, AND POLITICAL SYSTEMS. THIS IS QUITE NATURAL, FOR THOUGH BOTH OF OUR NATIONS WON THEIR INDEPENDENCE FROM COLONIAL MASTERSKN CONDITIONS IN OUR TWO COUNTRIES ARE VERY DIFFERENT. OUR GOALS ARE IDENTICAL: THE HAPPINESS AND PROSPERITY OF EACH

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OF OUR PEOPLE. IT WILL BE MY CONSTANT EFFORT TO EXPLAIN THE AMERICAN EXPERIENCE TO YOU AND TO THE PEOPLE OF GUINEA AND TO EXPLAIN YOUR OWN EFFORTS, PHILOSOPHY AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO MY GOVERNMENT AND MY PEOPLE. WE WANT TO EMPHASIZE THOSE VALUES AND AIMS WE HOLD IN COMMON. YOU ARE PROUD OF YOUR REVOLUTION; WE ARE PROUD OF OURS, WHICH IS MORE VIGOROUS TODAY THEN TWO HUNDRED EHTRS AGO. YOU ARE JEALOUS OF YOUR INDEPENDENCE AS WE ARE, AND WE BOTH ARE DEDICATED TO THE PRINCIPLE OF SELF-DETERMINATION,

PARTICULARLY FOR THE REMAINING PEOPLES ON THE AFRICAN
CONTINENT STILL SUBJECTED TO FOREIGN RULE.

8. MR. PRESIDENT, I HAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT THE STATE OF
RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES IS GOOD. I WILL
MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO BUILD ON THIS SOLID FOUNDATION LEFT BY MY
PREDECESSORS. WE AGREE ON THE IMPORTANCE OF NON-INTERFERENCE IN
INTERNAL AFFAIRS, AND MUTUAL RESPECT FOR THE DIGNITY OF OUR NATIONS
AND PEOPLES. WHILE UNITED STATES ASSISTANCE AND UNITES STATES
ADVICE WILL ALWAYS BE AVAILABLE TO YOU, SHOULD YOU SEEK IT, WE
WILL NEVER ATTEMPT TO INTERFERE IN YOUR INTERNAL AFFAIRS. MR.
PRESIDENT, I WISH AT THIS TIME TO INFORM YOU THAT THE SIMILAR
POSITION OF YOUR GOVERNMENT REGARDING EFFORTS OF CERTAIN OTHER
COUNTRIES TO INTERFERE IN OUR INTERNAL AFFAIRS -- AT THE TIME
OF THE NOMINATION OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE OF AFRICAN
AFFAIRS, MR. NATHANIEL DAVIS, DID NOT GO UNNOTICED BY MY
GOVERNMENT.

9. MR. PRESIDENT, I HOPE THAT WITH YOUR ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE
THIS MOMENT WILL BEGIN A NEW RELATIONSHIP OF RESPECT BETWEEN
OUR TWO NATIONS. THANK YOU MR. PRESIDENT. UNQUOTE
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